

ROBBED ATLANTA BISHOP OF \$15,000, HE TELLS POLICE

Right Rev. C. K. Nelson's Secretary Puzzles Officials with Theft Tale.

CHURCHMAN NOTIFIED, SCOFFS AT STORY

Thinks Man Must Be Insane—Prisoner, Who Says He's Been Biltmore Guest, Locked Up.

Declaring he had stolen \$15,000 from the Right Rev. Cleland Kinloch Nelson, Bishop of Atlanta, George C. Stowers, who said he had been for ten years the bishop's private secretary, voluntarily gave himself up at Police Headquarters last night.

RADIO TOWER FALLS, DERAILING A TRAIN

Structure at Tufts College Barely Misses Crowded Trolley Car.

A dispatch from Boston last night accredited the secretary's story and derided the belief that Stowers was suffering from a delusion.

The Georgia man says he lives at 121 East Pine street, Atlanta, walked into the Detective Bureau about 10 o'clock last night.

Passengers in a trolley car on Boston Avenue also had a narrow escape.

The car was approaching the tower when the motorman, glancing upward, saw it swaying and brought the car to a standstill within a hundred feet of the falling steel.

All of the electric wires on Boston Avenue were torn down, several poles were broken and two large trees uprooted.

His Pay "Cigarette Money."

"I've been doing this for years," said Stowers. "I don't know how much I got away with, but I know in nine years I received \$5,000 more than was due, and during the last year alone I made checks up to \$7,000 beyond their value. So that makes \$15,000 right there."

"What was \$10 a week to me?" he went on. "It was only cigarette money. I fell in with people of means and I had to live up to their standard. I had to get the money somehow. I always wanted to pay it back. I hoped I'd get a better job. But somehow I only got in deeper and deeper all the time. I think too much about having a good time. That's my trouble. Three weeks ago Bishop Nelson went to Maine, and I took advantage of his absence and came here to New York to get work, hoping I could pay back all that money."

He stopped for a minute. "Have you got a cigarette?" he asked the detective. As he lit the one he took two long puffs and looked at the ceiling. "Yes," he mused, "that's what's the matter with me. I like a good time too much."

"I didn't try to get work here," he proceeded. "I only went to the Biltmore and lived well and saw the right man afterward. I received a bill from the hotel for \$160. I was broke. I went out on the streets, and slept that night in a lodging house. And the next day I walked around. Then I thought of the river. But I am not a coward. And so I came here."

Stowers said the Biltmore had no need to worry—that he had left effects worth \$1,000 there. His clothes, twelve pairs of shoes, a hundred neckties, seventy-five shirts and, oh, reckon, a hundred pairs of socks. There were also a silver vase, some handkerchiefs, a watch and other household articles. In view of these, some one asked him if he had intended marrying soon.

"I'd rather not talk about that," he said.

He was held until the police in Atlanta could be communicated with. Bishop Nelson was made Bishop of Georgia in 1892, and remained in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Church in that state until 1907, when he was elected to the newly created diocese of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Sept. 26.—Bishop C. K. Nelson declared to-night that he believed George Stowers, his former secretary, who confessed to the New York police that he robbed the Bishop of \$15,000 by raised pay checks, is suffering from a delusion.

"In the first place," said the Bishop, "my bank balances are always very small, and I personally superintend every check that goes out of my office. My payroll would not aggregate anything like the sum mentioned in the New York dispatches in an entire year. The poor boy has not been in the best of health for more than a year, and I think that he must be laboring under a delusion."

Bishop Nelson said that Stowers had been in his employ for some eight years, and that during that time he had not the slightest suspicion of him. He said Stowers had always been efficient in his work and thoroughly reliable.

POLICE WILL RUSH RETURNS Motorcycles to Bring in Primary Vote Counts.

By having policemen use motorcycles and the automobile patrol wagons, Police Commissioner Woods expects to make a complete announcement of the returns of the primary election tomorrow before midnight.

As soon as the count is taken on one office the patrolman at the polling place will immediately advise the station house. There the figures will be noted on a blank. These blanks will be forwarded every half hour to Police Headquarters.

In the outlying sections of The Bronx, Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens one station house will take the returns from the others. The blanks will be collected from the outlying sections by patrolmen on motorcycles. They will then be forwarded to Police Headquarters either by patrol wagon or messenger.

If it is found that there has been any delay, without cause, charges will be filed against the offender, and he will have to stand trial.

BAR "AD" IS NEW PLYMOUTH SHOCK

F. L. Ferguson Assails General King About Church Souvenir.

COLONEL BEECHER DEFENDS DR. HILLIS Declares, After Meeting, There is Undivided Confidence in Pastor.

Another scandal in the Plymouth Church, of Brooklyn, which the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, its pastor, came to light yesterday. Hitherto it had been the subject of discussion only among certain of the wealthy and influential members of the congregation, but now every one in the church is going to know about it. It has to do with the presence of a barroom fixture advertisement in a Plymouth Church publication.

Ferguson Issues Statement.

Frank L. Ferguson, former chairman of the board of trustees and for several years manager of Dr. Hillis's personal business affairs, who is now engaged in a controversy with the clergyman following the disclosures of the latter's unfortunate business operations, let the secret of the new scandal out when, from his apartment at 48 Orange street, Brooklyn, he issued a statement attacking General Horatio C. King, clerk of Plymouth Church and one of the counsel for Dr. Hillis.

At the morning service Dr. Hillis occupied the pulpit, but his sermon contained no reference to his business affairs, his recent acknowledgment of which stirred the congregation as it had not been since the days of Henry Ward Beecher. General King was at Lake Mohonk, resting until tomorrow, so Mr. Ferguson had the entire field to himself. In his statement, he recalled the dedication of the school building presented to the Plymouth Church by the heirs of John Arbuckle.

"Mr. King desired to issue a beautiful memorial souvenir containing pictures of the church and the new Arbuckle Building and reminiscences of Mr. Beecher," said Mr. Ferguson, "for sale on the day of the celebration of Mr. Beecher's 100th anniversary, as it had not been since the days of Henry Ward Beecher. Distinguished ministers and citizens of Brooklyn and other cities were invited to attend. The handsome souvenirs were prepared by Mr. King."

Says Indignation Resulted.

"They at once caused great indignation to the trustees and many other officers of the church. The cause of the offense was discovered as soon as the souvenir was examined, and one of the trustees immediately called up myself, as chairman of the board of trustees, to protest vigorously against the distribution and sale of those booklets. I told him they represented the individual work of Mr. King."

"John Arbuckle was opposed to the sale and to interference in every form. So is Plymouth Church. Nevertheless, the beautiful souvenir, displayed on Page 17 an excellent portrait of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Mr. Beecher's successor in the pastorate of Plymouth Church, and on the opposite page was this advertisement:

"Herman F. Ehler, manufacturer of howling alleg, cabinet bar fixtures, ice boxes, pool and billiard tables, all kinds of supplies for bowling alleys. Stores and offices open 10 to 12 Washington street, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Mr. Ferguson added that on the front of Mr. Ehler's building, "Lion Brewery" and "Muenchener Beer" were sold at All Ehler's Establishments, Cafe and Bathhouse."

The former chairman of the board of trustees also challenged General King to prove that he had quit the Congregational ministry to enter business for any other reason than that it was of his own choice.

Dr. Hillis's Sermon.

The attitude of the man of the twentieth century toward the Bible, formed the topic of Dr. Hillis's sermon yesterday morning. For his text he chose: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

There were certain statements that were untrue scientifically in the Old Testament, he declared, this was no reason why men of today, with their broader knowledge, should scoff at the revealed religion which he added, "was never intended to be a geological, astronomical or other scientific work."

"Nothing is perfect," he declared, "and we should not expect the Bible to be perfect. He does not do everything perfectly. He made man, and man is far from perfect. For proof of that you need only consider yourselves."

Some of the persons in the church thought that his statement was an indirect reference to his own business troubles, but others doubted that. There was no discussion of his case after the service.

Charles T. Lark, of Rockwood & Halday, counsel for Dr. Hillis, last night made public the following statement: "Friends of the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis resent the misrepresentation leading to the report that he has been engaged in wild speculation. At a meeting of the board of trustees of Plymouth Church, held this afternoon, Colonel William C. Beecher was authorized to make a statement to the public."

Colonel Beecher later said: "There is no trouble in Plymouth Church. There is undivided and undiminished confidence in our pastor. We have summered and wintered with him, and assure the public he will emerge triumphant from the attacks upon his character. Some years ago, in order to allow him to properly attend to his pastoral duties, he placed all his business affairs in the hands of a business man, the present attacks upon him are due to his demand for an accounting by his former business agent. We ask the public to suspend judgment until he has obtained the accounting, which he and his friends in Plymouth now demand."

Killed in Stopping Quarrel.

Patterson, N. J., Sept. 25. When Noble Basile, proprietor of a saloon at 556 Summer street, here, went into a back room early this morning to arbitrate a fight that had arisen over a game of cards, the men who were quarreling resented his interference and one of them shot him. He died in the Patterson General Hospital. His assailant escaped.

Swimmers Save Woman Who Left Letter to Austrian Consul.

A woman believed to be Mrs. Annie Summers, an Austrian, of 38 Horum Place, Weehawken, placed a letter on the stringpiece of the wharf at the foot of Grand street, yesterday afternoon and jumped into the East River. She was rescued by Paul Keenan, a member of the Volunteer Lifesaving Corps, and taken to the Brecht William Strong, after a hard fight with the tide.

The letter, addressed to the Austrian Consul, said that documents identifying her would be found at 508 James street, Jersey City, but the police said last night there was no such number.

The woman had \$41 in cash and a bankbook showing deposits of \$300 in the Hackensack Savings Bank, at Hackensack, N. J. She was taken to Gouverneur Hospital, charged with attempted suicide.

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HORRORS! NO BEER IN HOBOKEN!

Union Hill, Jersey City and Bayonne, Also in the Dry Belt.

SHERIFF KINKEAD SHAKES HUDSON CO. Moving Picture Houses Also Victims of a Busy Sunday.

Hoboken was dry yesterday, so was Jersey City, and Bayonne and Union Hill. After 3 p. m. not even near-beer was obtainable in the strongholds along the Jersey shore, and the man that put the territory on the temperance map was Sheriff Eugene Kinkead, whose repressive measures at the Bayonne strike were only a practice bout compared with the havoc he wrought yesterday. And he did it by himself.

At noon the Sheriff climbed into his machine at the Hudson County Courthouse and headed it toward the intemperate German liners. Every oasis along the waterfront was visited, and the Sheriff ordered drinks in each. As soon as the mixture was picked across the bar the Sheriff arrested the bartender. The casualties were heavy.

In half an hour the tonnage of the machine was filled up with bottled beer, whiskey and other beverages, which the proprietors will have to explain in court this morning. The Sheriff also included a score of motion picture houses, poolrooms and shooting galleries, which he sealed up for the day.

After attending to the morals of Hoboken, Sheriff Kinkead cleaned up Union Hill, Jersey City and Bayonne. From a saloon in the latter he carried away a pint jug obligingly compounded for him by the bartender. There was only one fatality in Union Hill.

Since he said yesterday the Sheriff's popularity in Hoboken has suffered a setback, and his slogan along the waterfront last night was: "Take me to the mountains of New Jersey, where there's no more beer."

Where there's no more beer, a man can catch a third.

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Casino Theatre, Tonight at 8:10

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VITAGRAPH TWICE TO-DAY

4th WEEK—SEASON'S SENSATION!!!

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Outdoes "The Birth of a Nation" This is what HEYWOOD BROWN, dramatic critic of THE TRIBUNE, says of Triangle Plays:

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EMPIRE, MR. CYRIL MAUDE GRUMPY, LYCEUM, MARIE TEMPEST, HUDSON, UNDERFIRE, HARRIS, COHAN'S MRS. WHITNEY'S FASHION SHOW TO-DAY, THE BOOMERANG, FULTON, SOME BABY, PARK, MAY IRWIN, REPUBLIC, COMMONWEALTH, GLOBE, MONTGOMERY & STONE, HOTEL NETHERLAND